

## THE SUN REACHES THEM

Price is the center of the coal mine or Carbon county with an annual payroll—all the time increasing, too—of more than five millions of dollars to miners and railroad employees. These are the spenders of this section of Utah. Advertisers in The Sun reach the homes of these people in the mining camps and surrounding communities.

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## START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

Whoever a subscriber makes a payment on subscription to The Sun, the name is cast in stone, new, sharp type, showing the date paid to. It is quite a little more since The Sun has had the pleasure of setting up some of our readers' names. It would be "delighted" with the opportunity of doing so now at the beginning of the New Year.

## COURT IS HEARING THE CONTESTED ELECTIONS

SIX PRECINCTS COUNTED AT NOON TODAY, FRIDAY.

All the Interested Ones Are Represented By Watchers and Attorneys—Very Slight Changes From the Official Returns Have Developed So Far—Through Tomorrow Evening.

Judge George Christensen of Mt. Pleasant, accompanied by E. M. Alder, court reporter from Manti, arrived in Price Wednesday evening to hear the contested election case of E. Santachi of Black Hawk against Emil Ostlund of Clear Creek in the matter of the two-year county commissionership. The case was filed before Judge Albert H. Christenson, the retiring judge of the district, in December last, and came on for its hearing yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

By agreement of the counsel on both sides and parties interested in the suits of Carlos Gunderson against Albert Bryner and H. C. Smith against E. R. Hursley are consolidated with the Santachi and Ostlund contest and all three are to be heard as one. Dixon, Ellis, Ellis & Schuller and Ferdinand Erickson of Salt Lake City are representing the contestants, Hursley and Bryner. L. A. McGee is the attorney for Gunderson and Smith.

By stipulation all formalities and previous proof are waived by both sides, says Attorney McGee, and the ballots cast in all the several precincts of the county are to be counted. Witnesses in their answer filed in the complaints of Santachi, Gunderson and Smith deny all the allegations made. At the recount of the votes E. J. Turner is representing Gunderson and E. T. Olson is there for Smith. G. D. Raymond represents Santachi.

Six Precincts Counted. The court is taking the precincts in their numerical order and at noon today (Friday) when The Sun goes to press has gone through the ballots of Winter Quarters, Steelhead, Castle Gate, Helper, Harper, Wellington and Price—all in all. The count at Sunnyside and the precincts over south will be gone into this afternoon upon the resumption of court. Then will come the other precincts in their order. Judge Christenson expects to finish the case by tomorrow evening at the latest.

The attorneys for all concerned practically agree that there will not be sufficient changes to affect the official count.

## DAVIS FIGHTS TONIGHT

He and Young Azevedo Come Together At the State Capital.

Young Azevedo is hoping to win an undisputed claim to the featherweight title of Utah at Salt Lake City tonight (Friday). He will be given that chance, for his opponent, Kid Davis, has a hold on the crown, which he won several years back. The bout will go for six rounds. Davis began his career when the short round game started and rapidly forged to the front. He won the featherweight championship and retired from active work without losing it.

Azevedo defeated all the local string and believed he had a clear claim to the honor when Kid Davis bobbed up in the city for the holidays and declared he would have to defeat him before the claim would be good. The fray should be one of the fiercest and liveliest fights staged in Utah for some time.

## THE METHODIST CHURCH

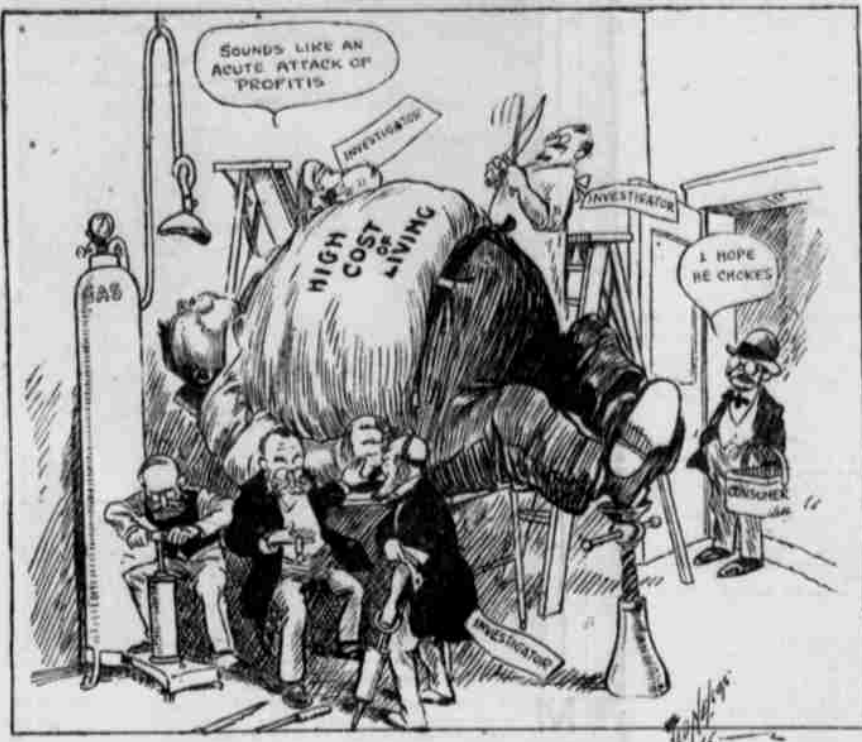
Cordial Welcome Extended to All to Attend These Services.

There will be Sunday school at the Methodist church at the usual hour next Sunday with preaching at 11 o'clock of the forenoon. Subject, "What Is the Church Good For?" The function of the church as the church should be seen. The first of a series of three sermons on the practical value of Christian truth.

The other two sermons of the series are, January 14th, subject: "What Is the Minister Good For?" The function of the minister as the minister should be seen. January 21st, subject: "What Are You Good For?" The function of the believer as the believer should be seen. Epworth league at 7:30 o'clock of the evening. Topic, "Lifting Our Hearts Godward." The ladies aid held its regular monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. J. A. Crockett yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

Rev. H. T. Zelders extends a most cordial welcome to all to attend the Methodist church services.

## MAKING A DIAGNOSIS.



## PRICE WAY THE ONLY WAY

An unusual spectacle of interest to the business men and residents generally of Price occurred on the streets of the city this (Friday) morning. It was nothing less than the passing of the mighty United States mail trucks of the Duchesne Stage and Transportation company over the Price to Myton road to their destination—a forcible reminder that this is the only feasible road to the reservation country twelve months in the year—come snow, rain or sunshine. This truth has been apparent to everyone for so, these many months, except to the postoffice department at Washington, D. C.

The cause of this unusual occurrence is the fact that the Helper to Duchesne route is snowbound, and may continue so more or less during the winter. When not snowbound in the winter, it is a case of being floodbound in the spring and summer. And there you are.

It is a fortunate thing for all that the Price to Myton road is always available in these emergencies, and a misfortune that the latter road has not long since been designated as the official mail and passenger route.

## TAKE THEIR OATHS ON ARRIVAL OF JUDGE

INCOMING COMMISSIONERS HELD OFF FOR TWO DAYS.

Swoon In Yesterday, However, and Considerable Business Done After Elevating Albert Bryner As Chairman—Sheriff Collingham Submits List of Deputies—Other Matters.

Carbon county's board of county commissioners was ready on Tuesday last to take office, but there was no district judge here to administer the oaths. However, Judge George Christensen came in Wednesday evening to hold court yesterday and the oaths were yesterday formally administered. Bonds were filed and considerable business was disposed of during the morning hours and up to 2 o'clock of the afternoon. The contested election cases of Commissioners Bryner and Ostlund took these gentlemen to the district court, where they will be interested ones until after the recount of the votes at the recent election is over. Other county officers took the oaths of office and filed bonds on Tuesday.

Collingham Names Deputies.

Sheriff George Collingham appeared and submitted for the approval of the board a list of deputies in the several precincts of the county, which was approved. His Price deputies are M. H. Leate of Helper and Lars Prandsen of Price, each of whom draws two-thirds of the salary paid Sheriff Collingham. The others are E. A. Franks, Kenilworth; John Stabler, Winter Quarters; A. D. MacLean, William Steckelman and Richard McDermid, Hiawatha; E. V. Tucker, Sunnyside; Carlo Dalpiaz and Frank

Cottrell, Helper; J. E. Corey, Castle Gate; Wesley Hills, Clear Creek and John J. Rich, Wellington, all of whom serve without expense to the county.

Regular Meeting Dates.

Meetings of the board of commissioners for the year are fixed for February 6th, March 6th, April 19th, May 6th, June 12th, July 12th, August 7th, September 11th, October 19th, November 6th and December 11th. All of the dates for meetings for the year come on Tuesday except the ones in July and October. Meetings are for 10 o'clock of the forenoon. The board elected Albert Bryner as its chairman. County Attorney Hoffmann asked the commissioners to name L. A. McGee of Price as his assistant for six months at a salary of seventy-five dollars a month. The proposition was, however, tabled for the time being.

Miss Margaret Hursley was confirmed as deputy county clerk at two-thirds the salary of her principal, Miss Barbara Forrester is appointed deputy recorder and Miss Viola Olsen, deputy treasurer. The report of the county recorder for the month of December, last, was presented and approved.

Seconding motions hereafter are to be done away with by the commissioners. After discussion all matters are to be disposed of by vote following a roll call. Numerous bills were allowed.

After a late session, yesterday afternoon the board adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

## DES MORRISON IS SHOT

Price Young Man Being Rushed to Salt Lake City Hospital.

Desmond Morrison, a young man whose home is at Price and the son of Mrs. Mary Morrison, was shot at Castle Gate this morning and is at this hour being taken to St. Mark's Hospital at Salt Lake City.

The shooting is said to be an accident. Deputy Sheriff Leate is on his way to Castle Gate to make an investigation and if he arrives in time will accompany the young man to the city.

The name of the man who did the shooting cannot be learned. He is being brought to Price by another officer of the sheriff's force. Full particulars are not at this hour obtainable.

## SAMSON EDGAR POTTER

An Emery County Pioneer Called At Cleveland Last Saturday.

Samson Edgar Potter passed away at his home at Cleveland last Saturday, being at the time of his death one of the oldest citizens there, both in years and residence in the community. He was born in Lancashire (Kearsley), Eng., November 9, 1829, and was in his seventy-seventh year when summoned. The funeral services were held at Cleveland on Sunday last, a large concourse of friends and neighbors from all over the county gathering to lay their last respects to the dead. The funeral was conducted by Joseph E. Larsen, bishop of Cleveland ward. The speakers were Elders John Potter, Ole Jensen and William T. Lamph.

Deceased is survived by forty-five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, besides eleven sons and daughters. These are John Potter at Price; Mrs. Rachel Greenleaf at Lehi; Mrs. Elizabeth Beattie, Salt Lake City; Joseph Potter, Cleveland; Sidney E. Potter, Hiawatha; Noah Potter, Winter Quarters; Mrs. Jessie Welch, Uintah in Weber county; Mrs. Ethel Maxwell, Marley, Ida.; Thomas C. Potter, Salt Lake City, and Parley S. and Edward H. Nelson in Grand county.

Samson Edgar Potter emigrated to Utah in April, 1851, locating at Winter Quarters in Carbon county, where he lived for a number of years. Later he went to Cleveland and took up a farm there, where he made a success with the help of his large family. He was an honorable and upright man and will be missed from the community where he resided for so long a time.

## "AN AMERICAN IDEAL"

Story Pertains to the Fowl Family and Not to the Human.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—An ideal American fowl, in which will be centered all the good points of all the good breeds of fowls, is the object of experiments being conducted by the United States government at its farm at Hohenpfeils, Md.

Harry M. Lamson, head husbandman of the government farm, has been working for the last five years on the new American product. He explained his experiments at the annual poultry show at Madison Square Garden.

According to Lamson the new hen will have white plumage, yellow legs, red ear lobes and a moderate sized comb. In laying qualities and the size of its eggs it will resemble the Leghorn. It will have as much meat on its body as a Wyandotte, Barred Rock or Plymouth Rock. The government farm, Lamson said, plans to have a big exhibit of the new hen at the poultry show next season.

The public roads of the United States outside the limits of incorporated towns and cities had, January 1, 1915, a total length of about 2,452,000 miles, of which about 277,000 miles or 11.3 per cent are improved with some sort of surfacing. The mileage of surfaced roads is increasing at the rate of sixteen thousand miles per annum.

## UTAH FUEL WINNER IN KETCHUM LITIGATION

Judge Albert H. Christenson Renders His Decision At Salt Lake City On Friday of Last Week.

NOTHING AS YET IS HEARD ABOUT APPEALING

Formal findings and judgment of Judge Albert H. Christenson of the Second Judicial district, in the matter of the Ketchum Coal company against Pleasant Valley Coal company, the Denver and Rio Grande railroad and Utah Fuel company, were rendered last Friday at Salt Lake City, where, by stipulation of the several attorneys in the case, an adjournment of court was taken that the arguments might be heard at a point which would be of convenience to all concerned. The decision was in favor of the Pleasant Valley Coal company, represented by Van Cott, Ellis & River; Dixon, Ellis, Ellis & Schuller, the two law firms mentioned being of Salt Lake City, and R. G. Lucas of Denver, Colo., representing the Denver and Rio Grande railroad. The presence of Lucas in the case was because of the railroad company being named as a co-defendant. Boyd, Devine & Eccles of Ogden were the attorneys for Ketchum Coal company.

### Condemns Tipplets.

On the question of whether the plaintiff had a right to condemn a tipplets as a matter of law, the court holds that it has. As to whether plaintiff had a right to condemn the coke oven space for the placing of plaintiff's tipple, the court holds that it was included in the congressional grant from the United States to the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad company—that is, a part of the ground included within the two hundred foot right of way for the narrow gauge railroad. The coke oven space as a whole was already put to a public use, and that plaintiff's use was not a more necessary public use than that to which it is already applied. On the question of whether the plaintiff could condemn the sixty-foot right of way from plaintiff's property to the right of way of the railroad company, the court held that plaintiff had the right to condemn and was granted the right of way from its property—a strip of ground sixty feet wide—down to within five feet north of the north or northeasterly rail of Track No. 4 of the Denver and Rio Grande.

### Victory For Defendants.

The decision is a signal victory for the defendants—both the Denver and Rio Grande and the Pleasant Valley Coal company (Utah Fuel company), for it was over the coke oven space at Castle Gate that the real battle of the litigation was waged. Notwithstanding the plaintiff claimed that the title vested in Pleasant Valley Coal company and the Denver and Rio Grande was not properly acquired by the defendant corporations, Judge Christenson holds otherwise. This contention is involved in the Stephen Mark case, the Pleasant Valley Coal company getting title from Marks some twenty-five years ago.

This was one of the hardest fought cases by both sides ever heard in the district court of Carbon county. About thirty days time was consumed in hearing the testimony of a small army of experts and witnesses. The costs in the litigation will run into the thousands of dollars on each side, and this may not be the last of it. It was said during the progress of the trial at Price that no matter who lost or won it, the litigation would eventually be decided by a higher court. As yet, however, The Sun has heard nothing of an appeal.

Judge Christenson has also given a decision in the condemnation suit of Carbon Fuel company against Standard and Coal company and O. W. Bemis, wherein defendants demanded to the right of plaintiff to condemn ground for a tipple at Hains. He holds for the defendant. The case has been in the court for several months and came on for final hearing last month.

## BIG THINGS PROMISED

Denver and Rio Grande Figuring On New Year's Budget.

Plans for the expenditure of several millions of dollars by the Denver and Rio Grande to improve the road's physical condition and add to its equipment have been made by H. V. Mudge, president, and are being considered by the directors, who are now going over the budget which Mudge has submitted.

The Denver and Rio Grande has ordered a large quantity of steel and in the spring the relaying of a number of miles of track with heavier rails and ballasting will begin. A number of the branch lines of Utah are to receive heavier rails and the main line of the road in Colorado and in Utah is to be improved.

Under estimates of J. G. Gwyn, chief engineer of the road, the Utah lines of the company are to receive almost three million dollars for improvements and betterments. It is said by officials in touch with the situation. The purchase of new equipment is among the recommendations which the directors will take up.

## FARM LOAN BANK COMING

Something Over Twenty-One Thousand Dollars Already In Sight.

Carbon county is to have a farmers' loan bank if the plans now formulated work out all right. Last Monday a meeting of the Rural Credits association was held at Price and directors named.

The directors are Henry G. Mathis, John H. Pace, D. P. Johnson, William A. Thayer and A. E. Marshall. They meet tomorrow (Saturday) to perfect the organization and to elect a president, vice president, a secretary and a treasurer.

At tomorrow's meeting a committee of three will be appointed to make the application for a charter to the authorities at Washington, D. C. At the Monday meeting E. F. McKnight served as chairman.

There is already pledged twenty-one thousand dollars, more than enough to get the institution started.

## MORE RAILROAD DOPE

Talk Revived of Utah Railway Being Run By Salt Lake Route.

That the Salt Lake Route is preparing to effect a traffic arrangement with the Utah railway, which is now operated by the Denver and Rio Grande and consists of a track from Provo to Thistle and also from Castle Gate to Mohrland in Emery county, is now taken for granted, although officials of both roads and of the United States Smelting, Refining and Mining company, owners of the Utah railway, decline to discuss the matter. The Salt Lake Route, however, has ordered a thousand steel coal cars for immediate delivery and it is freely rumored in railroad circles that these cars are to be put in service in the Eastern Utah coal fields.

The report is current that the United States Fuel company is to exercise its right in its agreement with the Denver and Rio Grande and take over the line and operate it between Provo and Mohrland, the coal to be handled the balance of the way by the Salt Lake Route. It is understood that negotiations to this end are now under way in New York.

## RAILROAD GOES TO RESCUE OF SEVERAL UTAH SHEEPMEN

Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent William Warner of the Salt Lake Route, in response to the urgent requests of a number of sheepmen of Loggans, Saint and Dittus bars that cars be sent to that section to save forty thousand sheep slowly perishing in the snow and for want of food, last Wednesday arranged to send a number of special trains to bring the sheep to Lyndell, Black Rock and Mifflord. The latter places are adapted at this time of the year for the proper care of the sheep, and Warner expressed the hope that it would not be too late to save them.

The manufacture of cartons is a new industry planned for New Year's.